

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 44 - SB 1452**

February 9, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the city of McEwen in Humphreys County and cities in Henry, Benton, Lewis, Grainger, and Hardeman Counties to hold a local option election to permit the manufacture, receipt, sale, storage, transportation, distribution, and possession of alcoholic beverages within the territorial limits of a city by a majority vote.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- According to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC), Benton and Henry Counties have already passed countywide liquor-by-the-drink, retail package store, and retail food store wine referendums. Cities in Henry and Lewis Counties have passed all referendum types.
- According to ABC, every incorporated city in Hardeman County has passed at least one type of alcoholic beverage referendum, and the city of Blaine in Grainger County has passed a liquor-by-the-drink and wine in grocery stores referendum.
- This note makes no assumption as to whether any referendum to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at retail or liquor-by-the-drink sales will pass and, therefore, does not account for any increased revenue or expenditures resulting from such sales.
- However, if additional referendums pass and there are market entrants that engage in the retail sale of alcoholic beverages, there would be an unknown increase in state and local revenue.
- Given the population sizes of the city of McEwen and the counties listed, the fact that many of the localities have already passed various alcoholic beverage referendums, and the relative limited amount of sales that would be anticipated due to cannibalization of sales and other factors, any increase in revenue to state and local government is considered not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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